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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Angelo M. Scaccia

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to voter registration for program participants.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Angelo M. Scaccia	*14th Suffolk*
William F. Galvin	*Secretary of the Commonwealth*

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By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2738) of Angelo M. Scaccia and William F. Galvin relative to voter registration for program participants. Election Laws.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to voter registration for program participants.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 9A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following language after section 7:

§ 8 Voter Registration for Program Participants

A program participant may register to vote as a confidential voter pursuant to G. L. c. 51, §§ 4, 44. To qualify as a confidential voter, a program participant must disclose his or her residential address to the registrar of voters, which shall not be a public record.

Registrars, assistant registrars or boards having similar duties under any special or general law, shall not place on the street list or annual register or disclose to any person the name

12 and residence of a voter providing the registrars with proof that he or she is a program
13 participant.

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15 SECTION 2. Section 4(d) of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002
16 official Edition, is hereby amended by adding in line 34 the words "or a program participant in
17 the Address Confidentiality Program established by General Laws chapter 9A" after "chapter
18 265" and before "shall."

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20 SECTION 3. Section 44 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002
21 official Edition, is hereby amended by adding in line 8 the words "or a program participant in the
22 Address Confidentiality Program established by General Laws chapter 9A" after "chapter 265"
23 and before "shall."